

## **Brookville and Metamora Hydraulic Company Records**

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1836-1944

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### **Organizational History:**

The Brookville and Metamora Hydraulic Company was organized in 1866. According to its charter, the company was formed for the purpose "of constructing, maintaining, and owning a hydraulic power operation and its attendant canals, damns, feeders, water powers, waste weirs and other appurtenances." The organization was authorized by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana and its affairs were managed by five directors.

The company's canal ran from the Whitewater Valley Canal, just below Brookville (Franklin County), proceeding north through Brookville to Metamora and then to Laurel, including a dam at Laurel.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

The collection is composed of the papers of the Brookville and Metamora Hydraulic Company from 1836 to 1944. Documents relating to physical facilities are specifications for locks, canals, surveys, and plats (some blue prints) of canal property. Business papers include a charter, articles of association, stock certificates, minutes of the Brookville and Metamora Hydraulic Company, legal documents pertaining to a court action against the Big Four Railway Company, and affidavit, deeds, contracts, and correspondence. The correspondence relates to issues of land ownership, land use, leasing rights and canal maintenance.

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### **Folder Listing:**

Folder

1. Charter of White Water Canal Co., 20 Jan. 1842

2. Contract specifications, 10 Sept. 1836-24 July 1838
3. Leases, 16 Nov. 1865-26 Nov. 1896
4. Leases and contracts, 22 June 1866-8 Nov. 1927
5. Articles of Association, deeds, 18 Apr. 1866-15 Apr. 1889
6. Stock certificates, 22 Aug. 1898-28 Feb. 1941
7. Legal papers, 19 July 1927-Sept. 1927
8. Corporate Organization and Minute Book of the Brookville & Metamora Hydraulic Company, An Indiana Corporation, 18 Apr. 1866-19 Mar. 1938
9. Correspondence, 5 July 1928-5 Dec. 1939
10. Stock certificates 7 Aug. 1941-1 Oct. 1944
11. Lease, 4 July 1941
12. Accounts, 31 July 1941
13. Surveys and Plats of Canal Property, 28 Dec. 1928-15 Sept. 1934
14. Die for stamping seal of the Brookville and Metamora Hydraulic Co., undated

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### Folder

1. Account book, 1929-1941

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